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## REMARKS

Claims 3-6 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 7-10, and amended claims 1 and 11 are in this application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 3-106298 (JP '298) in view of U.S. 2,632,055 (Parker) and U.S. 5,953,432 (Yanagawa et al.).

Amended independent claim 1 now recites in part the following:

"the apparatus further comprising:

means for <u>limiting</u> vibration of the projection screen." (Emphasis added.)

It is respectfully submitted that the above features of claim 1 are described in the present application. As an example, reference is made to lines 6-10 of page 22 of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of JP '298, Parker and Yanagawa applied by the Examiner does not appear to disclose the above features of claim 1. As an example, the above means for limiting vibration may include buffer material (such as buffer material 43 which may include felt, rubber, gel-shaped rubber or cellular polyurethane). (In support thereof, reference is made to lines 12-13 of page 13 and lines 6-10 of page 22 of the present application.) As best understood, in explaining the above 103 rejection with regard to claims 3-6 in the present Office Action the Examiner appears to assert that "air" is the same as the "buffer material" in claims 3-6. It is respectfully submitted that "air" is not the same as the means for limiting vibration now recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, it is

respectfully submitted that the above 103 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn. For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that the above 103 rejection of claim 11 be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 7-10 are dependent from amended independent claim 1. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the above 103 rejection of claim 2 and 7-10 be withdrawn.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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